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LYSOPHOSPHATIDIC ACID ACYLTRANSFERASE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Continuing Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this document.